

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 2017

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, due to a medical emergency, I was unable to vote on roll call votes 173 through 187. I would like to reflect that if present, I would have voted: aye on roll call number 173; aye on roll call number 174; aye on roll call number 175; nay on roll call number 176; aye on roll call number 177; aye on roll call number 178; nay on roll call number 179; nay on roll call number 180; aye on roll call number 181; nay on roll call number 182; aye on roll call number 183; aye on roll call number 184; aye on roll call number 185; aye on roll call number 186; and aye on roll call number 187.

HONORING DWAYNE K. PICKETT,
SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. Dwayne K. Pickett, Sr.

A native of the small town of Itta Bena in the Mississippi Delta, Dr. Pickett graduated from Terry High School in Terry, MS. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Southern Mississippi in May, 1994; a Master of Education in Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in May, 1995; a Master of Arts in Christian Education from Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, MS) in 2000; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Education from New Orleans Baptist Seminary in May, 2011. Dr. Pickett has five sons: Julian (Elyane Alexander), Kenedrick, Malcolm, Dwayne, Jr., and Keishun.

In addition to preaching on Sundays at New Jerusalem, Pastor Pickett has been a guest preacher nationally and internationally. Past service includes his roles as Executive Director of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention Youth Department and Director of Christian Education for the Southern Regional Youth Conference. He has a monthly weekend men's retreat where he teaches a Bible study along with Dr. John Perkins that is designed to develop and encourage vital African-American male evangelical leaders in Mississippi, and he is commissioned by the Christian Men's Network to train men worldwide.

Pastor Pickett's civic service includes successfully chairing the steering committee for a Hinds County Bond Issue of \$21.5 million; enlistment in the Army National Guard, including a tour of duty in Desert Storm/Desert Shield (Sept. 1990 to Dec. 1991); and serving as assistant principal at Brinkley Middle School in Jackson. He believes that an effective kingdom church is active in its local community through education, through ministry outside the church's "four walls", through breaking the curse of poverty and its social damage, and

through offering experiential immersion in God's demonstrated operations of the Spirit in His church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Dwayne K. Pickett, Sr. for his dedication to serving others.

**ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL 2016-17
BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM**

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Effingham St. Anthony High School boys' basketball team upon winning its first state championship. This is a remarkable achievement for the Class 1A school and reflects the hard work, determination, and talent this year's team possessed.

The Bulldogs' season started and ended in exciting fashion. They opened with the annual St. Anthony Turkey Tournery and beat a Class 3A opponent for third place, beginning a 19-game winning streak. The Bulldogs later took home the titles in the Vandalia Holiday Tournament and the National Trail Conference Tournament.

Although the Bulldogs hit a rough patch when they lost four of six games, lone senior and all-state selection Drew Gibson coined St. Anthony's 1,000-point club, and the team completed a perfect 8-0 conference season.

In the state championship game, St. Anthony matched up with the highly ranked Okawville Rockets, who forced overtime, but the Bulldogs would find a way to close out a 49-46 victory to conclude a 30-5 campaign, the most wins in school history. In addition to being the school's first state title, it also marked the first for the city of Effingham.

Led by Coach Cody Rincker, team members were Gibson, Alex Beesley, Adam Levitt, Jack Nuxoll, Alex Deters, Cade Walsh, Wyatt Lawrence, Brandon Runge, Luke Ludwig, Bryson Wall, Ben Strullmyer, Quinton Milleville, and Jaccob Dust.

I look forward to watching their future successes in both their academic and athletic pursuits and wish them all the best in these endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the St. Anthony Bulldogs on a job well done.

**HONORING MR. CHARLES W.
PENNY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT AS CITY MANAGER
FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY
MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA**

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my longtime friend and constituent, Mr. Charles W. Penny as he retires at the end of this month after serving 35 years in a variety of positions with local governments across North Carolina—most recently as Rocky

Mount City Manager. Charles Penny is a dedicated public servant and very active in the City of Rocky Mount.

A native North Carolinian, Charles Penny was born on December 25, 1957 in the City of Fayetteville. He and his six siblings were born to the late Necho Penny and the former Eva Dell. He attended Ferguson Elementary School and Washington Drive Junior High School in Fayetteville and is a graduate of historic E. E. Smith High School.

Mr. Penny attended my alma mater North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina where he graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, with a concentration in Public Administration. In May 1984, he received a Masters of Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was the 1980 recipient of the Urban Management Traineeship Award.

In July 1981, Charles Penny began his career in local government in Morganton, North Carolina as Assistant to the City Manager. Four years later, he assumed a similar position in Kinston. He was appointed Assistant City Manager of Asheville, North Carolina in February 1987 where he served as City Coordinator for the 1988 North Carolina League of Municipalities Convention. He and his family then moved to Rocky Mount, and he became the Director of Planning and Development. In January 1995, he was promoted to Assistant City Manager of Rocky Mount. On January 1, 2011, Charles Penny became the first African American City Manager for the City of Rocky Mount where he managed an annual budget of over \$210 million.

Charles Penny has shown true leadership in his community by improving and positively impacting the lives of those who live and work in his community. He served as Past Chair of the Board of Trustees at Elizabeth City State University. He is the Former Chair of the Board of Directors for the Lucy Ann Boddie Brewer Boys and Girls Club in Rocky Mount and the American Red Cross in Asheville, North Carolina. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Asheville City School Foundation, the Metropolitan Sewage District, the Neighborhood Housing Services of Asheville, and the Nash Health Care Foundation. Currently, Charles Penny is on the Board of Directors for the Rocky Mount Community Foundation and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Charles Penny is married to the former Edith Allen of Durham, North Carolina. They share two children—a daughter, Eva, and a son, Charles. They are members of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Rocky Mount where Mr. Penny is the former Chairman of the Trustee Ministry and currently serves as Co-Chairman of the Deacon Ministry.

Mr. Speaker, Charles W. Penny has dedicated his entire adult life to public service. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedication and selflessness displayed by Mr. Penny for over 35 years as a public servant in North Carolina. While Charles is deserving of far greater accolades from a grateful public, my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in expressing our sincere appreciation for Charles Penny's hard work and sacrifice.